

# Louisiana Housing Finance Agency

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Joseph M. Scontrino, III, and seconded by Vice-Chair Allison A. Jones:

## **RESOLUTION**

A resolution to adopt the completed Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for Audit Engagements of Governmental Entities, attached as Exhibit A; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

**WHEREAS,** La. R.S. §40:600.19.B. states, "The Legislative Auditor shall prepare an annual audit of the accounts and operations of the agency"; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with La R.S. §24:513, the State Legislative Auditor has issued the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for Audit Engagements of Governmental Entities, attached as Exhibit A and hereinafter referred to as "the Questionnaire;" and

**WHEREAS**, the staff of the Agency has completed the Questionnaire to the best of their belief and knowledge; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Legislative Auditor requires that the Questionnaire be presented to and adopted by the governing body of the Agency by means of a formal resolution in an open meeting;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of the Louisiana Housing Finance Agency (the "Board"), acting as the governing authority of said Agency that:

**SECTION 1.** The completed Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for Audit Engagements of Governmental Entities, attached as Exhibit "A", is hereby adopted.

**SECTION 2.** The Agency Staff is hereby authorized and directed to submit the Questionnaire appropriately as required by the State Legislative Auditor.

**SECTION 3.** The Agency staff and counsel are authorized and directed to prepare any ancillary documents as may be necessary to implement the Board's actions.

**SECTION 4.** The Chairman, Vice Chairman, President, Vice President and/or Secretary of the Agency be and they are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute any forms and/or documents required to be executed on behalf of and in the name of the Agency, the terms of which are to be consistent with the provisions of this resolution as approved by the Agency's General Counsel.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Wayne E. Woods, Allison A. Jones, John Kennedy, J. Mark
Madderra, Guy T. Williams, Mayson H. Foster, Michael L.
Airhart, Tyrone A. Wilson, Susan Sonnier, Joseph M. Scontrino,

III, Katie Anderson, Jerome Boykin, Sr., Elsenia Young

NAYS:

**ABSENT:** Walter O. Guillory

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 8th day of July, 2009.

Chairman

### STATE OF LOUISIANA

### PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE

I, the undersigned Secretary of the Board of Commissioners of the Louisiana Housing Finance Agency (the "Agency"), do hereby certify that the foregoing two (2) pages constitute a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by said Board of Commissioners on July 8, 2009, "A resolution to adopt the completed Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for Audit Engagements of Governmental Entities, attached as Exhibit A; and providing for other matters in connection therewith."

**IN FAITH WHEREOF,** witness my official signature and the impress of the official seal of the Agency on this, the 8th day of July, 2009.

Secretary

(SEAL)

# LOUISIANA COMPLIANCE QUESTIONNAIRE (For Audit Engagements)

Dear Chief Executive Officer:

Attached is the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire that is to be completed by you or your staff. This questionnaire is a required part of a financial audit of Louisiana governmental units and quasi-public entities. The legal matters contained in the questionnaire parallel those matters contained in the *Laws Affecting Louisiana Government*, published by the Society of Louisiana Certified Public Accountants. Upon completion, the questionnaire must be presented to and adopted by the governing body, if any, of your organization by means of a formal resolution in an open meeting. Independently elected officials should sign the document, in lieu of such a resolution.

The completed questionnaire and a copy of the adoption instrument, if appropriate, must be given to the auditor at the beginning of the audit. The auditor will, during the course of his regular audit, test the accuracy of the responses in the questionnaire. It is not necessary to return the questionnaire to my office.

Certain portions of the questionnaire may not be applicable to your organization, especially those related to federal financial assistance, the requirements of the *Single Audit Act*, and OMB Circular A-133. In such cases, it is appropriate to mark the representation "not applicable." However, you must respond to each applicable representation. A 'yes' answer indicates that you have complied with the applicable law or regulation. A 'no' answer to any representation indicates a possible violation of law or regulation and, as such, should be fully explained. These matters will be reviewed by the auditor during the course of his examination. Please feel free to attach a further explanation of any representation.

Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Steve J. Theriot, CPA Legislative Auditor

Enclosure

# LOUISIANA COMPLIANCE QUESTIONNAIRE (For Audit Engagements of Government Entities)

July 8, 2009	(Date	Transmitted)
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Duplantier, Hrapmann, Hogan & Maher, LLP 1340 Poydras Street, Suite 2000 New Orleans, LA 70122-1223

In connection with your audit of our financial statements as of June 30, 2009 and for July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009 (period of audit) for the purpose of expressing an opinion as to the fair presentation of our financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, to assess our system of internal control as a part of your audit, and to review our compliance with applicable laws and regulations, we confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, the following representations. These representations are based on the information available to us as of July 8, 2009 (date completed/date of the representations).

#### PART I. AGENCY PROFILE

1. Name and address of the organization.

Louisiana Housing Finance Agency

2415 Quail Drive

Baton Rouge, LA 70808

2. List the population of the municipality or parish based upon the last official United States Census or most recent official census (municipalities and police juries only). Include the source of the information.

N/A

3. List names, addresses, and telephone numbers of entity officials. [Include elected/appointed members of the governing board, chief executive and fiscal officer, and legal counsel.

See Attachment A

4. Period of time covered by this questionnaire:

July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009

5. The entity has been organized under the following provisions of the Louisiana Revised Statute (s) (LSA-RS) and, if applicable, local resolutions/ordinances.

Louisiana Housing Finance Act, Chapter 3-A of Title 40

6. Briefly describe the public services provided:

Assist in the financing of housing needs of Louisiana for persons of low to moderate income.

7. Expiration date of current elected/appointed officials' terms.

Commissioners - At the pleasure of the Governor

President & Vice President - April 2010

Chairman and Vice Chair - April 2010

Secretary - April 2010

#### LEGAL COMPLIANCE

#### PART II. PUBLIC BID LAW

- 8. The provisions of the public bid law, LSA-RS Title 38:2212, and, where applicable, the regulations of the Division of Administration, State Purchasing Office have been complied with.
  - A) All public works purchases exceeding \$100,000 have been publicly bid.
  - B) All material and supply purchases exceeding \$20,000 have been publicly bid.

Yes [x] No [ ]

#### PART III. CODE OF ETHICS LAW FOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

9. It is true that no employees or officials have accepted anything of value, whether in the form of a service, loan, or promise, from anyone that would constitute a violation of LSA-RS 42:1101-1124.

Yes [x] No []

10. It is true that no member of the immediate family of any member of the governing authority, or the chief executive of the governmental entity, has been employed by the governmental entity after April 1, 1980, under circumstances that would constitute a violation of LSA-RS 42:1119.

Yes [x] No [ ]

#### PART IV. LAWS AFFECTING BUDGETING

11. We have complied with the budgeting requirements of the Local Government Budget Act (LSA-RS 39:1301-15) or the budget requirements of LSA-RS 39:33.

#### A. Local Budget Act

- 1. We have adopted a budget for the General Fund and all special revenue funds (LSA-RS 39:1305).
- 2. The chief executive officer, or equivalent, has prepared a proposed budget that included a budget message, a proposed budget for the General Fund and each special revenue fund, and a budget adoption instrument that specified the chief executive's authority to make budgetary amendments without approval of the governing authority. Furthermore, the proposed expenditures did not exceed estimated funds to be available during the period (LSA-RS 39:1305).
- 3. The proposed budget was submitted to the governing authority and made available for public inspection at least 15 days prior to the beginning of the budget year (LSA-RS 39:1306).
- 4. To the extent that proposed expenditures were greater than \$500,000, we have made the budget available for public inspection and have advertised its availability in our official journal. The advertisement included the date, time, and place of the public hearing on the budget. Notice has also been published certifying that all actions required by the Local Government Budget Act have been completed (LSA-RS 39:1307).
- 5. The proposed budget was made available for public inspection at the location required by LSA-RS 39:1308.
- 6. All action necessary to adopt and finalize the budget was completed prior to the date required by state law. The adopted budget contained the same information as that required for the proposed budget ILSA-RS 39:1306.
- 7. After adoption, a certified copy of the budget has been retained by the chief executive officer or equivalent officer (LSA-RS 39:1309).
- 8. To the extent that proposed expenditures were greater than \$500,000, the chief executive officer or equivalent notified in writing the governing authority during the year when actual receipts plus projected revenue collections for the year failed to meet budgeted revenues by five percent or more, or when actual expenditures plus projected expenditures to year end exceeded budgeted expenditures by five percent or more (LSA-RS 39:1311). (Note, state law exempts from the amendment requirements special revenue funds with anticipated expenditures of \$250,000 or less and exempts special revenue funds whose expenditures drive revenue recognition-primarily federal funds-from the requirement to amend revenues.)
- notified as provided by LSA-PS

•	nded its budget when notified, as provided by ESA-10			
39:1311.	N/A	Yes[]No[]		
B. <u>State Budget Requirements</u> 1. The state agency has complied w	ith the budgetary requirements	of LSA-RS 39:33.		
	N/A	Yes [ ] No [ ]		
C. <u>Licensing Boards</u> 1. The licensing board has complied	with the budgetary requiremen	nts of R. S. 39:1331-1342.		
	N/A	Yes [ ] No [ ]		

# PART V. ACCOUNTING, AUDITING, AND FINANCIAL REPORTING LAWS

12. We have maintained our accounting records in such a manner as to provide evidence of legal compliance and the preparation of annual financial statements to comply with LSA-RS 24:514, 24:515, and/or 33:463.						
24.014, 24.010, analog 00.400.	Yes[x] No[	]				
13. All non-exempt governmental records are available as a public record and retained for at least three years, as required by LSA-RS 44:1, 44:7, 44:31, and 4						
	Yes [x] No [	]				
14. We have filed our annual financial statements in accordance with LSA-RS 2	24:514, and					
33:463 where applicable.	Yes [x]No[]	j				
15. We have had our financial statements audited in a timely manner in accordance 24:513.	ance with LSA-RS	3				
	Yes [x] No [	]				
PART VI. ASSET MANAGEMENT LAWS						
16. We have maintained records of our fixed assets and movable property reco	rds, as required					
by LSA-RS 24:515 and/or 39:321-332, as applicable.	Yes [x] No [	]				
PART VII. FISCAL AGENCY AND CASH MANAGEMENT LAWS						
17. We have complied with the fiscal agency and cash management requirement	nts of LSA-RS					
39:1211-45 and 49:301-327, as applicable.	Yes[x] No[	]				
PART VIII. DEBT RESTRICTION LAWS						
18. It is true we have not incurred any long-term indebtedness without the approposal Commission, as provided by Article VII, Section 8 of the 1974 Louisiana CoVI, Section 33 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, and LSA-RS 39:1410.60-1410	onstitution, Article	3				
	Yes[x] No[]					
19. We have complied with the debt limitation requirements of state law (LSA-R	S 39:562). Yes [ x ] No [ ]	]				
20. We have complied with the reporting requirements relating to the Fiscal Rev of the State Bond Commission (LSA-RS 39:1351).	riew Committee					
or the otate bond commission (EoA-No 03.1001).	Yes[x] No[]	]				

# PART IX. REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE RESTRICTION LAWS

21. We have restricted the collections and expenditures of revenues to those amounts					
authorized by Louisiana statutes, tax propositions, and budget ordinances.		Yes [x] No []			
22. It is true we have not advanced wages or salaries to employees or paid bonuses in violation of Article VII, Section 14 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, LSA-RS 14:138, and AG opinion 729.					
129.		Yes [x] No []			
23. It is true that no property or things of value had in violation of Article VII, Section 14 of the 1974 L	anted to anyone				
in violation of Afficie vii, Section 14 of the 1974 L	odisiana Constitution.	Yes [x] No []			
PART X. QUESTIONS FOR SPECIFIC GOVER	NMENTAL UNITS				
Police Juries					
24. We have adopted a system of road administr	ration that provides as follows:				
<ul> <li>A. Approval of the governing authority of all expenditures, LSA-RS 48:755(A).</li> <li>B. Development of a capital improvement program on a selective basis, LSA-RS 48:755</li> <li>C. Centralized purchasing of equipment and supplies, LSA-RS 48:755.</li> <li>D. Centralized accounting, LSA-RS 48:755.</li> <li>E. A construction program based on engineering plans and inspections, LSA-RS 48:755</li> </ul>					
<ul><li>F. Selective maintenance program, LSA-RS</li><li>G. Annual certification of compliance to the I</li></ul>		58.			
i	N/A	Yes [ ] No [ ]			
School Boards					
25. We have complied with the general statutory, Louisiana Department of Education, LSA-RS 17:5	, constitutional, and regulatory p	provisions of the			
	N/A	Yes [ ] No [ ]			
26. We have complied with the regulatory circular Education that govern the Minimum Foundation P	rs issued by the Louisiana Depa	artment of			
	N/A	Yes [ ] No [ ]			
27. We have, to the best of our knowledge, accurately compiled the performance measurement data contained in the following schedules and recognize that your agreed upon procedures will be applied to such schedules and performance measurement data:  Parish school boards are required to report as part of their annual financial statements measures of performance. These performance indicators are found in the supplemental schedules:  - Schedule 1, General Fund Instructional and Support Expenditures and Certain Local					
data contained in the following schedules and rec applied to such schedules and performance meas Parish school boards are required to report as par of performance. These performance indicators ar	ognize that your agreed upon p surement data: rt of their annual financial stater re found in the supplemental scl	rocedures will be ments measures hedules:			

<ul><li>Schedule 7, Louisiana Educational Assess</li><li>Schedule 8, The Graduate Exit Exam</li><li>Schedule 9, The IOWA Tests</li></ul>	ment Program	
	N/A	Yes [ ] No [ ]
Tax Collectors		
28. We have complied with the general statutor	ry requirements of LSA-RS 47, C N/A	hapter 4. Yes [ ] No [ ]
Sheriffs		
29. We have complied with the state suppleme	ntal pay regulations of LSA-RS 3 N/A	3:2218.8. Yes [ ] No [ ]
30. We have complied with LSA-RS 33:1432 re	elating to the feeding and keeping N/A	of prisoners. Yes [ ] No [ ]
District Attorneys		
31. We have complied with the regulations of the relate to the Title IV-D Program.	ne Louisiana Department of Socia	al Services that
relate to the Title TV-D Flogram.	N/A	Yes [ ] No [ ]
Assessors		
32. We have complied with the regulatory requi		
33. We have complied with the regulations of the	N/A ne Louisiana Tax Commission rel	Yes [ ] No [ ] ating to the
reassessment of property.	N/A	Yes [ ] No [ ]
Clerks of Court		
34. We have complied with LSA-RS 13:751-960	). N/A	Yes [ ] No [ ]
Libraries		
35. We have complied with the regulations of th	e Louisiana State Library. N/A	Yes[]No[]
Municipalities		
36. Minutes are taken at all meetings of the gov 1976).	erning authority. LSA-RS 42:7.1	(Act 665 of
1070).	N/A	Yes [ ] No [ ]
37. Minutes, ordinances, resolutions, budgets, a are published in the official journal. LSA-RS 43:1		he municipalities
,	N/A	Yes [ ] No [ ]

38. All official action taken by the municipality is	s conducted at public meetings.LS N/A	SA-RS Yes [			
Airports					
39. We have submitted our applications for fun		opmen	t to	the	
Department of Transportation and Developmen	N/A	Yes [	]	No [	]
40. We have adopted a system of administration any expenditures of funds appropriated from the been expended without department approval (L	Transportation Trust Fund, and				
,	N/A	Yes [	]	No [	]
41. All project funds have been expended on the 2:810).	e project and for no other purpos	e (LSA	∖-R	S	
	N/A	Yes [	]	No [	]
42. We have certified to the legislative auditor, project funds in accordance with the standards of					]
Ports					
43. We have submitted our applications for fund Department of Transportation and Development				e Vo [	1
44. We have adopted a system of administratio		_		_	-
any expenditures of funds made out of state and expended without department approval (LSA-RS	l local matching funds, and no fur				
expenses without department approval (20) (110		Yes [	]	No [	]
45. All project funds have been expended on th 34:3460).	e project and for no other purpose	ə (LSA	-RS	8	
o 1.0 100).	N/A	Yes [	]	No [	]
46. We have established a system of administra capital improvement program on a selective bas supplies, centralized accounting, and the selective based upon engineering plans and inspections (	is, centralized purchasing of equipore maintenance and construction LSA-RS 34:3460).	pment of por	and t fa	d cilitie	
	N/A	Yes [	] [	No [	]
47. We have certified to the legislative auditor, or project funds in accordance with the standards expenses.	stablished by law (LSA-RS 34:34				]

48.	We have complied with the statutory requir	ements of N/A	LSA-RS 33:38			] No [	]
Wa	terworks Districts						
49.	We have complied with the statutory require	ements of N/A	LSA-RS 33:38			] No [	]
Utili	ity Districts						
50.	We have complied with the statutory require	ements of N/A	LSA-RS 33:41			] No [	]
Dra	inage and Irrigation Districts						
Dist	We have complied with the statutory require ricts); LSA-RS 38:1751-1921 (Gravity Drains inage Districts); or LSA-RS 38:2101-2123 (In	age Distri	cts); LSA-RS 3	8:1991-20 propriate.	048 (Le		
Fire	Protection Districts						
52.	We have complied with the statutory require	ements of N/A	LSA-RS 40:14		Yes [	] No [	]
Othe	er Special Districts						
	We have complied with those specific statut	ory requir	ements of stat	e law app	licable	to our	
distr	ICt.	N/A		,	Yes [	] No [	]
The	previous responses have been made to the	best of or	ur belief and kr _Secretary _Treasurer	nowledge.	, 30/0	, 	ite ite
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Sewerage Districts

BOBBY JINDAL GOVERNOR



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